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For: STATIC DEVICES AND

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INCONTINENCE

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Proposed Amendment

DO NOT ENTER

19. (Currently amended) A device for effecting a desired contraction of a discrete target region of a tissue so as to treat incontinence, the target region having a target region size and shape, the device comprising:

a static vaginal probe having a treatment surface, the treatment surface size and shape corresponding to the size and shape of the target region and having a length of at least 10 mm and a width of at least 5 mm; and

at least two cylindrical shaped one rounded protruding elements disposed along the treatment surface, each element having a radius of curvature in a range from about 0.05 mm to about 2 mm disposed along the treatment surface and separated by a predetermined distance which limits a depth of tissue heating, the elements being and engageable against the target region for transmitting energy from the treatment surface to the target region without moving the probe such that the energy effects the desired contraction of the target tissue without ablating the target tissue, and so that the contracted target tissue inhibits the incontinence.